

Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-I208-1

Short Proposal Title: Delta Studies Program

1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes.

1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Place-based education/utilities current educational constructs. Good use of community resources, though could be more extensive.

1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes.

1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes.

1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes – model project.

2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Not applicable.

2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Not applicable.

3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes.

4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?

Provide detailed comments in support of your conclusion [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Yes.

Miscellaneous comments

[Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field]

Overview:

This project proposal asks for funds to develop a "place-based" curriculum with a focus on Bay-Delta ecosystem issues and connect the lessons to the California's academic standards. It will use the existing curriculum "A Child's Place in the Environment" and "California CLASS Project" as a model and build upon the region's staff development programs. Extensive staff development will help establish an environmental education focus to classroom curriculum.

Positive aspects:

- proposal is developed by school based environmental educators using well-established program methodologies and models.
- there is considerable support available to implement this program (letters of support)
- project will build upon a strong cadre of educators and community natural resource expertise.
- classroom teachers involved with the implementation.
- this is a new program presenting a proposal to CAL-FED.
- Other regions can use curriculum adaptation.

Negative aspects:

- Funding primarily to support coordinators and other support staff.

Reviewer's Comments:

This proposal is presented by Delta educators that propose to use highly acclaimed environmental education materials as models (Child's Place, Class Project, Project WET). They will focus on staff development and support for the program for a large number of teachers and students. Once developed, the "place-based" curriculum adaptation may serve as a model for other programs in other CAL-FED linked counties. They have a very clear understanding of quality education, how

environmental education can support education reforms (standards and accountability issues) and staff development. I would highly recommend this project among those sent to me to review.

Overall Evaluation Summary Rating <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating [Note: in the electronic version, this will be an expandable field] Model can serve for other CALFED regions/counties.
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